Service Date: November 3, 1999

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA POWER) UTILITY DIVISION

COMPANY, Annual Application to Implement)

Unreflected Gas Cost, Gas Cost Tracking, and) DOCKET NO. D98.10.217

Gas Transportation Adjustment Procedures) ORDER NO. 6114d

FINAL ORDER

On October 9, 1998, Montana Power Company (MPC) filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) an annual application to implement MPC's unreflected gas costs, gas cost tracker, and gas transportation adjustment clause procedures. On October 23, 1998, MPC's application was publicly noticed by the PSC through Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline. The Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) requested intervention in the proceeding and is the only person to do so.

On November 5, 1998, the PSC issued an initial interim order (Interim Order, Order No. 6114a) approving MPC's application on an interim basis. On February 2, 1999, following a preliminary audit by the MCC and the PSC, the PSC replaced the initial interim order with another interim order (Interim Order II, Order No. 6114c). The MCC has since indicated that no further proceedings or hearing on the matter are necessary. The PSC agrees. It is hereby ordered that Interim Order II, Order No. 6114c, issued February 2, 1999, is adopted as the Final Order in this matter. For convenience a copy of Interim Order II is attached.

Done and dated this 26th day of October, 1999, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	DAVE FISHER, Chair
	NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair
	BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
	GARY FELAND, Commissioner
	BOB ROWE, Commissioner
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ATTEST:	
Kathlene M. Anderson	
Commission Secretary	

NOTE:

(SEAL)

Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. <u>See</u> 38.2.4806, ARM.